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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY SEEKS "SPECIAL TREATMENT" FROM OPEC

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA SAID ON NOVEMBER 23 THAT BRAZIL, AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MIGHT BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL TREATMENT BY OPEC MEMBERS. SILVEIRA DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT FORM "SPECIAL TREATMENT" COULD TAKE. PRESS SPECULATION INCLUDED THREE POSSIBILITIES: A DISCOUNT FOR LDCS (PRESUMABLY FOR A PART OF ANY INCREASE IN PRICES); GUARANTEE OF SUPPLY; INVESTMENT BY OPEC COUNTRIES IN THE PRODUCTIVE SECTORS OF IMPORTING LDCS.

2. IT IS KNOWN THAT FORMIN'S SECRETARY-GENERAL GUERREIRO MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE CHIEFS OF MISSIONS OF THE TEN OPEC COUNTRIES IN BRASILIA ON NOVEMBER 19 AND 22. THE SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO REVEAL THE TONE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL." FONMIN'S SPOKESMAN, PRIOR TO

SILVEIRA ANNOUNCEMENT, REPORTEDLY SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE OPEC AMBASSADORS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ASKED BY PRESS WHAT WOULD BE THE IMMEDIATE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF AN OPEC PRICE INCREASE ON THE BRAZILIAN ECONOMY. SILVEIRA EXCUSED HIMSELF AS NOT BEING A SPECIALIST ON THE SUBJECT, BUT ADDED THAT WHATEVER THE PRICE INCREASE IT WOULD BE "VERY TERRIBLE FOR US."

4. COMMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETINGS WITH OPEC AMBASSADORS HERE WAS PROBABLY DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY THAT GOB IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO DAMPEN IMPACT ON BRAZIL OF ANY PRICE INCREASE AND TO UNDERSCORE WITH OPEC COUNTRIES THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. EMBASSY HAS TO DATE NO INDICATION WHAT, IF ANY, "SPECIAL TREATMENT" BRAZIL MAY BE SEEKING AND IS NOT AWARE OF ANY EVIDENCE THAT OPEC MIGHT EVEN BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH FOR BRAZIL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TALK OF "SPECIAL TREATMENT" WAS USED BY SILVEIRA WITH PRESS -- MOST ACCOUNTS FOCUSED ON THIS ASPECT OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT -- WHILE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TOOK A MORE DISCREET APPROACH IN HIS CONSULTATIONS. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE GOB IS GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER THE PROSPECT OF AN OIL INCREASE, IS USING ITS DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO IMPRESS THEIR VIEW ON THE OPEC COUNTRIES, AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS GOING PUBLIC IN REGARD TO THEIR EFFORT.

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